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SUBJECT: ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND UNESCO

1. BOSSIER PALUN, CHAIRMAN UNESCO AFRICAN GROUP, TOLD PERMREP THAT HE IS WORKING ON A DRAFT LETTER FROM DG M'BOW TO ISRAEL ON THE ADMISSION OF A UNESCO TEAM TO PREPARE A REPORT ON EDUCATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. BOSSIER PALUN OUTLINED THE PROPOSED TEXT, WHICH WOULD BE SIMPLE AND OMIT ANY REFERENCE TO UNESCO RESOLUTIONS. THE PLAN WOULD BE TO REQUEST GOI TO ADMIT A UNESCO TEAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING A REPORT FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ON THE STATUS OF EDUCATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE LETTER WOULD OUTLINE THE PURPOSE OF THE MISSION IN TECHNICAL TERMS AND AVOID ANY REFERENCE TO OFFENDING RESOLUTIONS.

2. BOSSIER-PALUN COULD NOT SAY IF THE DG WOULD AGREE TO THIS FORMULA.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH ISRAELI PERMREP YAPOU, PERMREP OUTLINED BOSSIER PALUN'S PROPOSAL TO YAPOU. YAPOU WAS NON COMMITTAL, BUT EXPRESSED THANKS FOR BEING FORWARDED OF POSSIBLE UNESCO ACTION.

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4. YAPOU REITERATED THAT GOI WAS NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT

A "TEAM" BUT WOULD ONLY PERMIT A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL.

5. COMMENT: IF FORMULA FOR LETTER IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOI, FIRST STEP TOWARD EASING TENSIONS ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WILL OCCUR. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOI AND UNESCO SECRETARIATE IS IMPORTANT AND AN AGREEMENT NOT TO MENTION OFFENSIVE RESOLUTIONS WILL REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT CONCESSION BY THE DG TO ISRAEL SENSITIVITY. THE ARABS WILL CERTAINLY NOT BE HAPPY TO SEE THEIR RESOLUTIONS BY PASSED BY THE SECRETARIATE. ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATIONS WILL AT LEAST PROVIDE A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE BLOCKED BY REFERENCE TO THE OFFENSIVE RESOLUTIONS.
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